

Frederick County Sustainability Commission

Meeting Minutes for

9/16/2015

FCSC Attendees: Tom Anderson, David Lange, Tim Jones, Annie Jones, Ron Kaltenbaugh, Chris May, Susan Weber, Mike Swanson, Chris Voell, Mike Uecker, Joe Richardson

OSER: Shannon Moore

Public: Rich Maranto (self), Sylvia Carignan (Frederick News Post)

Welcome – 3 pm Introductory Comments:

- The Chair welcomed all FCSC attendees, guests and outlined the intent of the meeting.
- The Chair reminded FCSC volunteers to step forward for the Vice Chair position starting in October, 2015. There will be a closed session following the meeting
 - Nominations had been made Ron Kaltenbaugh and Susan Weber
- The Vice Chair noted that the August, 2015 meeting minutes were distributed. Motions made to unanimously approve. The Vice Chair will continue to prepare future Agenda and Meeting Minutes.
- The Vice Chair reaffirmed the date of October 16, 2015 for the FCC/FCSC Sustainability Event at FCC. An Open House was conducted the previous Friday, 9/11/15 at FCC where the Vice Chair gave a 5 minute description and promotion of the FCC/FCSC Sustainability event.
- T. Anderson and Chris Voell also supported the Open House. Progress and outcome of the event will be reported at each Commission meeting. All Commission members are encouraged to volunteer to participate.
 - Shannon Moore indicated that the CE has agreed to participate as a Key Note Speaker with a 15 minute time slot. The FCSC Chair assisted OSER in drafting the CE talking points.

FCSC Sustainability Plan:

- Susan Weber and Mike Swanson had discussed sustainability planning with Shannon Moore. Mike and Susan communicated ideas for pulling together a plan during the coming year. Shannon and the Chair noted that after having met with David Whittaker regarding his start on county planning initiatives, that development of the FCSC sustainability plan may realize synergy with the county's sustainability planning. The Chair would like to convene a subcommittee of the FCSC to pull together a draft Sustainability Plan.

FCSC Spot Recognition Certificates:

- Dave L. will contact former Commissioner Margie Lance for information regarding certificate details for Mount St. Mary's, North Point and Agri-Services (Done)

Margie indicated the following:

- North Point- I had seen the sign or notice in the FNP that Lancaster Homes had assumed the contract for the bankrupt developer and stalled development. Someone on FCSC said to consider an award until some homes were completed to consider an award, a wise comment. Obviously the name would be Mark Lancaster, contact easily found.
- Mercer Agri-Services- Memory is not serving me well with this. I had read, I think, in the FNP, something about their sustainability activities. I did some internet research at the time and came up with nothing, and their website has nothing to indicate anything about this. I reported this in a meeting.
- Mt. St. Mary's- I brought this up about the solar array. Someone on the FCSC who is knowledgeable in solar said that the solar is owned by Dominion, is it? and power being sold to mainly UM, is it? and only a small side array built for MSM. FC SC felt not worthy of an award, I think.

The Chair noted possible recognition certificate for Farm to Fork restaurant (Mariam Nasuti) -need more details.

Action: Commission members to provide any further input and either delete or continue to pursue

Discussion by Chris Voell/D Lange: Status of the Agenda and assignments for the October 16 event was discussed in detail and commission members indicated they could participate all or part of the day as needed. Chris will update the Agenda and request BIO's and pictures for promotional handouts.

Commission Discussion for FCC/FCSC Event:

- Agreed to 5 minute presentations by panel members to allow for good Q&A by participants
- Tim J. indicated that this event is a good start and should be annual
- Agreed to have each round table discuss most topics with facilitators having a page for facilitator questions to keep groups interactive (Chris to start this, but needs input from all commission members)
- Joe R. would like to see the outcomes be concrete ideas for participants to take away
- Ron would like to have OSER create a mail box for FCSC actions, Shannon indicated that there needs to be a structure in place for Q&A and feedback.
- Annie would like to see a list of contacts for participants

Solid Waste Management Options Study (update) {Chris V, Joe R.}

- Contractor selected- Geosyntec (started research, information gathering and site visits)

OSER Updates:

- Shannon discussed two legislative initiatives:
 - Inspection practices of Environmental Site Design (ESD) for storm water management

- Tax off-sets for storm water utility fees
- Shannon mentioned that there will be two new Chesapeake Core Members in OSER as part of their mentoring program and outreach and education efforts
- Shannon also reminded all that a FCSC commission position closes 9/18/2015

Smart Growth Presentation (Tom A.)

Tom provided a comprehensive sustainability presentation for smart growth as a trial run for the October 16 FCC/FCSC event and received input from the Commission: Examples included,

- Ron K. indicated key take-away's could include examples of tree buffers
- Annie J. indicated a good explanation of smart growth would be helpful
- Joe R. discussed the environmental impact of residential clustering

Commission Members Items of Interest:

- Ron K. reminded all of the upcoming Tour of Solar and Green Homes October 3-4. Brochures and flyers were distributed and also reminded all of the EV Events from 3-8 on Friday 9/18
- Susan indicated having the Sustainability Plan and FCSC By-Laws for future discussion at FCSC meetings and encouraged all to set up tours of facilities with Shannon
- Mike U. discussed the initiative of the power-saver retrofit program
- Tim J. discussed future proposed legislation to do away with the energy efficiency program (more to come)
- Mike W. indicated his desire to be more focused with FCSC plans and by-laws and will work with OSER
- Annie proposed that FCSC should take on one or two interns. Annie will investigate.
- Chris M. provided a graph showing the immense solar growth in the US and will send it to the Commission
- Chris V. discussed the EPA goal of reducing food waste by 50 %. (see Chris for more details)
- Shannon discussed appliance rebates, that the Sustainability Action Plan expired in July and a new plan is needed and that Dave Whittaker will make a presentation at the October FCSC meeting

Other Reminders:

Further update discussion on FCSC Member Presentations Items of Interest (for the future):

- Phil Harris on FC Landfill???
- Mike & Tim- Std. for residential
- Chris M. – Solar and Energy grid

Public comments:

- Rich Maranto indicated that there is a free download for the October 3-4 Tour of Solar and Green Homes event and passed out flyers.

FCSC closed session: Nominations were made for Susan Weber for Vice Chair and Tom Anderson for Chair. The slate of officers was elected by unanimous vote of the commission members, and they will be installed at the October FCSC meeting.

Adjourn-The chair thanked all for their participation and the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.